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Dear Mr. Richardson:

SUBJECT: PROJECT SELECTION SYSTEM - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

In response to your letter of June 30, 1972, I am forwarding to you, on behalf of the Mayor's Office, Project Selection Criteria Reports on those projects for which the City of Boston intends to seek HUD funding during this fiscal year. The Project Selection Criteria cover only those Community Development Programs noted in your letter of June 30 applicable to Boston; namely, Neighborhood Development Program, Open Space Land Program, and Neighborhood Facilities Program.

Within the near future, the City of Boston and the Boston Redevelopment Authority will submit formal applications for these projects. I should point out that the projects proposed in the attachments to this letter have been formulated in specific response to your letter of June 30, in order to meet your deadline of July 31, 1972. There may be some revisions or additional projects under these HUD programs; and, therefore, the City wishes to reserve the right to submit to HUD at a later date those revisions or additions which are deemed essential. The projects as contained in the attachments to this letter, however, represent generally the magnitude of funds which will be requested from HUD under these three programs.

In summary, the projects proposed in the attached documents are as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Five projects under the Neighborhood Development Program are proposed for funding. The total project cost is estimated at between $11,700,000 and $16,700,000. These NDP projects are as follows:

1. Lena Park (Dorchester)
   Total Project Cost - $2,000,000

This ten-acre project is proposed for NDP funding in order to provide development opportunities for 250-300 low and moderate income family housing units.

2. Gouldville-Dudley (Model Cities)
   Total Project Cost - $2,300,000

This 16.75 acre project is situated in Sub Area 4 of the Model City Area and is proposed for construction of approximately 175 family housing units, and rehabilitation of some existing residential structures within the project area.

3. Washington-Corey (Allston-Brighton)
   Total Project Cost - $1,100,000

1.9 acres of predominantly vacant land is proposed for the development of approximately 250 elderly units to be constructed under the turnkey program.

4. Quincy Street (Model Cities)
   Total Project Cost - $2,300,000

This 8-acre project is situated in Sub Area 5 of the Model City Area and is proposed for development of between 280 and 350 family dwelling units and some commercial uses.

5. East Boston NDP #2
   Total Project Cost - $4 - $9,000,000

This project, which complements the existing NDP project in East Boston, is proposed for development of between 400 and 600 dwelling units, some commercial uses and public open space.

TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -

$11,700,000 - $16,700,000

OPEN SPACE LAND PROGRAM

Two Project Selection Criteria Reports under the Open Space Land Program are included in this transmittal. Additional projects for Historic Preservation assistance, for which Project Selection Criteria Reports are not required, will be submitted as part of the City's Open Space Program at the time of application. The two Open Space Programs included in this submission are as follows:

1. The first pertains to the City-wide Park Improvement Program and has a total project cost of $2,900,000, of which $1,450,000 is requested as the federal grant. This City-wide program consists of the following major project categories:

   a. Special Projects - such as Franklin Park, Boston Common, Public Garden, etc. at a total project cost of $1,350,000.

   b. Neighborhood Projects - consisting of numerous park improvements proposed to serve Boston's many neighborhoods at a total project cost of $1,550,000.

2. The second application is for open space program assistance for the North End Waterfront Park. The total cost of this project is $1,150,000 and the federal grant share is $575,000. The program will include the following activities:

   a. Completion of acquisition begun under a previous HUD open space application.

   b. Initiation of development of on site recreational facilities.

TOTAL OPEN SPACE PROGRAM - $4,050,000

NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES PROGRAM

Three projects are proposed for submission during fiscal '73 for neighborhood facilities, all of which are privately sponsored. The total project cost is $3,179,743.

These projects are as follows:

1. Roxbury Family Life Center	$1,500,000
2. Franklin Square House	$1,379,743
3. North End Community Health Center	$ 300,000
TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES PROGRAM -	$3,179,743

The City of Boston and the Boston Redevelopment Authority will appreciate your early review of these Project Selection Criteria Reports. Given the importance of these projects in continuing the revitalization of Boston's many neighborhoods, I urge that you seek appropriate funding so that they can be approved during this current fiscal year.

Sincerely,

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